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IMPEACHMENT THE FINAL VOTE

SENATE ACQUITS THE PRESIDENT

Not guilty: Trump cleared of abuse and obstruction charges

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump won impeachment acquittal Wednesday in the U.S. Senate, bringing to a close only the third presidential trial in American history with votes that split the country, tested civic norms and fed the tumultuous 2020 race for the White House.

With Chief Justice John Roberts presiding, senators sworn to do "impartial justice" stood and stated their votes for the roll call — "guilty" or "not guilty" — in a swift tally almost exclusively along party lines. Trump, the chief justice then declared, shall "be, and is hereby, acquitted of the charges."

The outcome followed months of remarkable impeachment proceedings, from Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House to Mitch McConnell's Senate, reflecting the nation's unrelenting partisan divide three years into the Trump presidency.

What started as Trump's request for Ukraine to "do us a favor" spun into a far-reaching, 28,000-page report compiled by House investigators accusing an American president of engaging in shadow diplomacy that threatened U.S. foreign relations for personal, political gain as he pressured the ally to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden ahead of the next election.

No president has ever been removed by the Senate.

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President Donald Trump appears outside the White House on Wednesday. The U.S. Senate voted Wednesday afternoon to acquit the president on the charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress in the final day of his impeachment trial. *Evan Vucci, Associated Press*

ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

Review faults Mercy Corps for 'missteps'

Charity takes 'full responsibility' for how it mishandled 2018 request

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Outside investigators found Mercy Corps executives made "missteps, mistakes in judgment and governance lapses" in responding to credible allegations of sexual abuse against co-founder Ellsworth Culver by his daughter and called Wednesday for the Portland-based international relief agency to find out if Culver abused anyone else.

Vestry Laight, a New York-based consulting firm, said Mercy Corps executives mishandled calls and emails from Tania Culver Humphrey in 2018 when she asked Mercy Corps to revisit allegations she had made against her father in the 1990s.

The consultants recommended that not only should the $471-million-a-year charity investigate how it handled Humphrey's initial account but also if "other related misconduct" by Culver occurred with staff or the "beneficiaries" of Mercy Corps' work.

Mercy Corps hired Vestry Laight after The Oregonian/OregonLive published the results of a 10-month investigation that showed executives allowed Culver to remain in a top position after Humphrey told leaders about the abuse.

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Acting legend Kirk Douglas, 103, dies

Kirk Douglas, whose acting career as a Hollywood leading man began in the 1940s , took off in the 1950s and may have peaked with the blockbuster "Spartacus," died Wednesday in Los Angeles at the age of 103. "I wanted to be an actor ever since I was a kid in the second grade," he said. **A13**

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